



LA County

Department of Health Services

*Reference Guide to Labs Providing
COVID-19 PCR Molecular Testing*

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Overview & Key Information

- LA County is working to ensure that our countywide COVID-19 testing needs are met, and Angeleno's have access to necessary tests. This document provides an overview of some of the labs offering testing to LA County providers and residents.
- We do not specifically endorse any of the labs presented in this Reference Guide. The labs listed are those that responded to a survey that LA County ran in early June, 2020 and met the following inclusion criteria:
 - Completed the LA County Lab Survey
 - Has a California clinical laboratory license and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certificate
 - Reports data to the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE) via Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR)

Other labs may be available to contract or provide COVID testing capacity to LA County.

- If you have suggestions on how to improve this Reference Guide, represent a lab and want to be added to the list or have an update to any of the information contained in this document, please send your request to Arineh Shahverdian at ashahverdian2@dhs.lacounty.gov. We will update information as we are made aware of changes.
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- This Reference Guide is intended for any entity that wants to provide COVID-19 PCR molecular testing to the LA County community. Our hope is that this Reference Guide provides a start point for identifying labs that can meet your entities COVID-19 testing demand.
 - Entities might include: health care providers, skilled nursing or congregate living facility operators, cities or other municipalities, or community-based organizations
- This guide provides information to help an entity identify a laboratory provider that is the best fit for their needs. Information in this guide comes from the County Lab Survey, and includes:
 - Contact Information for labs
 - PCR testing capacity, turnaround time, self-reported sensitivity/specificity, and samples collected by type
 - Lab relationships with payers and provider organizations
 - Lab processing and collection capacity
 - Lab certification, licensing, and EHR/HIE capabilities

This information may change over time.

Entities should verify this information directly with the lab provider, as appropriate.
- If you prefer to sort the data via excel, an excel version can be found [here](#).

Overview of Respondents

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Lab	Contact Name	Phone	Email	Affiliation (if any)	PCR Tests	SER Tests	ANT Tests	Bill Payers	Contract SNFs	Interest in Contracting Congregate Facilities	Interest in Contracting Providers
Alcala Labs, LLC	David Hogan	760-705-0803	davidhogan@alcalalabs.com	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Curative (KorvaLabs)	Fred Turner	650-713-8928	fred@curativeinc.com	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fulgent Genetics	Jian Xie	626-350-0537	covid19@fulgentgenetics.com	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
GRI Labs	Terry Daniels	310-591-9925	tdaniels@grihealth.com	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keck School of Medicine (USC)	Ameneh Azad	727-543-2742	ameneh.azad@med.usc.edu	USC Keck Medical	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓
LabCorp	Todd Benatar	925-788-9335	benatat@labcorp.com	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
NextGen Labs	Terry Daniels	310-591-9925	t.Daniels@nextgenlabs.com	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Primex Clinical Labs, Inc	Erik Avaniss Aghajani	818-779-0496	erik@primexlab.com	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Priva Path Labs dba LGC	Eric Kwak	626-479-8460	Info@LGCLabs.com		✓	✓	-	-*	✓	✓	✓

Notes: Tests include Polymerase Chain Reaction ("PCR") Molecular testing, Serology ("SER"), Antigen ("ANT"); Skilled Nursing Facilities = "SNFs"; Responses mapped above are Yes ("✓"), No ("-"), and No, But Interested ("-*").

Overview of Respondents, *Cont.*

Lab	Contact Name	Phone	Email	Affiliation (if any)	PCR Tests	SER Tests	ANT Tests	Bill Payers	Contract SNFs	Interest in Contracting Congregate Facilities	Interest in Contracting Providers
Ultimate Dx	Sean Tab	310-927-8811	seantab@ultimatedx.com	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
US Lab, Inc.	Erik Bogaard	626-385-6560	erik@taskforcelab.com	Task Force Lab, LLC	✓	-	-	-*	✓	✓	✓
WestPac Labs	Maryann O'Toole	512-865-7786	motoole@sonichealthcareusa.com	Sonic Healthcare	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓

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PCR Testing and Capacity

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Lab	COVID PCR Molecular Testing Capacity			Self-reported Average PCR Turnaround Time	Self-reported Sensitivity > 90%	Self-reported Specificity > 90%	PCR Samples Types Collected				
	Current Capacity (tests/wk)	Capacity for LAC (tests/wk)	% available to LAC				NP	NMT	AN	OP	O/S
Alcala Labs, LLC	15,000	7,500	50%	48 hours	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Curative (KorvaLabs)	280,000	140,000	50%	24 hours	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fulgent Genetics	140,000	84,000	60%	24 hours	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
GRI Labs	75,000	50,000	75%	72 hours	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keck School of Medicine (USC)	10,000	3,000	30%	24 hours	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
LabCorp	500,000	25,000	5%	72 hours	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NextGen Labs	100,000	75,000	50%	24 hours	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Primex Clinical Labs, Inc	12,500	6,000	48%	18 hours	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
Priva Path Labs dba LGC	300,000	150,000	50%	24 hours	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

Notes: Responses - "Yes" (✓), "No" (✗), and "Not Reported" (NR); Sample types: Nasopharyngeal (NP), Nasal Mid-Turbinate (NMT), Anterior Nares (AN), Oropharyngeal (OP), and Oral/Saliva (O/S).

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	Current Capacity (tests/wk)	Capacity for LAC (tests/wk)	% available to LAC				NP	NMT	AN	OP	O/S
Ultimate Dx	30,000	15,000	50%	24 hours	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
US Lab, Inc.	5,000	5,000	100%	30 hours	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
WestPac Labs	15,000	6,000	60%	24 hours	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X

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Lab	Bill Payers?	If no, interested?	If yes, which payers do you bill? ¹					
			Kaiser	Anthem Blue Cross	Blue Shield	UHC	LA Care	Centene/ HealthNet
Alcala Labs, LLC	✓	-	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Curative (KorvaLabs)	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fulgent Genetics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
GRI Labs	✓	-		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keck School of Medicine (USC)	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
LabCorp	✓	-	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NextGen Labs	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Primex Clinical Labs, Inc	✓	-	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Priva Path Labs dba LGC	X	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ultimate Dx	✓*	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Notes: Responses - "Yes" (✓), "No" (X), and "Not Applicable" (-);

¹ The following payers listed assumes that Health Plans that offer multiple products are contracting across all business lines, including Medicaid and Medicare unless otherwise noted

* Only bills Medicare



Payer Relationships / Contracting, *Cont.*

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Lab	SNF Contracting		Interest in Other Providers ?	If yes, what other provider types are you interested in?					
	Contract w/Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs)?	If no, interested?		Hospitals	Outpatient Practices/ Clinics	Health Plans	Long-term Care (LTC) Facilities	Congregate Living Facilities	Private Employers
Alcala Labs, LLC	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Curative (KorvaLabs)	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fulgent Genetics	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
GRI Labs	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keck School of Medicine (USC)	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LabCorp	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NextGen Labs	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Primex Clinical Labs, Inc	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Priva Path Labs dba LGC	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ultimate Dx	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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US Lab, Inc.	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
WestPac Labs	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Processing + Collection

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Lab	Provides On-site Collection ¹ ?	Drop off test kits?	Provides Pick-up from Remote Site ² ?	Provides Pick-up on Weekends ³ ?	Processes on Weekends ⁴ ?
Alcala Labs, LLC	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Curative (KorvaLabs)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fulgent Genetics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
GRI Labs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keck School of Medicine (USC)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
LabCorp	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
NextGen Labs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Primex Clinical Labs, Inc	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Priva Path Labs dba LGC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ultimate Dx	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Notes

¹ "Provides On-site Collection" means staff, including clinical staff, are sent on site to perform specimen collection

² "Provides Pick-up from Remote Site" means the lab sends personnel to pick up already collected specimens for processing

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Certifications, Licensing, HIT Compatibility

Lab	CLIA ¹ Certified?	CA Licensed?	CalREDIE ² Reporting via ELR?	HL-7 to EMR ³ ?	HL-7 to HIE ⁴ ?
Alcala Labs, LLC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Curative (KorvaLabs)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fulgent Genetics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
GRI Labs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keck School of Medicine (USC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LabCorp	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NextGen Labs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Primex Clinical Labs, Inc	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Priva Path Labs dba LGC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ultimate Dx	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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